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LONDON FOR HAVERKAMP

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SOVIET INTEREST IN AGALEGA ISLANDS

REF: NAIROBI 3368

1. AGALEGA, AN INTEGRAL DEPENDENT ISLAND OF MAURITIUS, HAS ABOUT 300 INHABITANTS OF WHICH A FEW ARE MAURITIANS AND SEYCHELLOIS, BUT MAJORITY BORN ON THE ISLAND. APPARENTLY ALL WORKERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SCHOOL TEACHER AND TWO METEOROLOGICAL EMPLOYEES, ARE EMPLOYEED BY SEYCHELLES BASED COMPANY THAT FORMERLY OPERATED AS WELL IN THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO AND THE CARGADOS SHOALS, COMPANY DIRECTOR AND AGALEGA RESIDENT MANAGER ARE SEYCHELLOIS. COPRA PRODUCTION IS SHIPPED TO MAURITIUS ABOUT TWICE A YEAR BY M.V. MAURITIUS WHICH ALSO BRINGS IN FOOD AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE ISLAND. THE COMPANY HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ROGERS AND COMPANY OF MAURITIUS WHICH BUYS THE TOTAL PRODUCTION OF COPRA AND SUPPLIES ALL NECESSARY FOOD AND MATERIALS TO THE ISLAND.

2. WE UNAWARE SOVIET INTEREST IN PURCHASING AGALEGA OR INITIATIVE WITH GOM FOR "NAVAL BASE" ON ISLAND, BUT WILL
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